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Kulo' program seeks the next generation of climate leaders

The University of Guam Center for Island Sustainability, the Micronesia Climate Change Alliance, and the UOG Green Army seek motivated youth ages 11 to 25 to participate in a first-time youth leadership program titled “Kulo’: Emerging Climate Leaders.”

In CHamoru, *kulo'* is the trumpet shell used to gather the community together for a purpose. The Kulo' cohort will work to amplify the call to climate action for their generation and throughout Micronesia, raising awareness and driving change.

The year-long program will prepare youth to be leaders in the face of climate change based on their collective skills and interests. With support from CIS, MCCA, and the UOG Green Army, the Kulo' cohort will:

- learn about the causes and impacts of the climate crisis locally, regionally, and globally;
- root themselves in cultural values and indigenous wisdom to build island resilience;
- connect with relevant regional leaders, agencies, organizations, and stakeholders;
- create solutions to address the climate crisis; and
- develop an action plan to raise awareness and mobilize their island communities.

The program will launch with the Kulo’: Emerging Climate Leaders Summit, a free three-day training embedded in the 11th UOG Conference on Island Sustainability from March 31 to April 2 with optional field trips and events on April 3. The conference is the region’s main forum for researchers, government agencies, organizations, and

community groups to promote sustainability in the broader areas of environment, economy, society, and education.

To apply for the Kulo': Emerging Climate Leaders program, visit tinyurl.com/applykulo2020. Applications are due on Feb. 29. Applicants under the age of 18 will be required to provide parent/guardian permission if selected.

For more information on the program, contact Lauren Swaddell at swaddell@triton.uog.edu or Moñeka De Oro at micronesiacclimatealliance@gmail.com. For more information about the Conference on Island Sustainability, visit www.uog.edu/cis2020.

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Photo caption:

High school and college students presented sustainability-related research projects last July after a four-week fellowship program led by the University of Guam Center for Island Sustainability and UOG Sea Grant. The university will be offering another youth-focused program this March related to leadership in climate change.

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